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Applicant(s): Bonutti et al.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file for the above-identified application. Applicants submit these amendments and remarks serve to clarify the present invention and are independent of patentability.